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Wayne County House.
EDITOR OWOSO TIMES:—Having taken a trip to Wayne county this fall to see relatives and friends, while there I went to the County House (which is really a hospital) to see a dear old lady, of refinement and education, 87 years of age, who gave her farm away, and now in her declining years lives upon charity.

Thinking a description of the Wayne County House may interest the readers of THE TIMES, I will give it as near as I can:

The county house and insane asylum are large, beautiful brick buildings, built upon the same grounds, about 16 miles from Detroit. The depot and postoffice are a few rods away, the postoffice being named after a former superintendent's little daughter, Eloise. The medical superintendent and book-keeper have a large double residence built for both families. There is an electric light plant, gas lighting plant, reservoir, carpenter shop, morgue, green house, ice house, laundry, coal house, root cellar, express office, piggery, horse, cow and hay barns, and corn cribs. All are brick, except the barns, piggery and corn houses. There are 368 acres under cultivation. The produce, which consists of grains, vegetables and fruits, help support the 608 male, and 199 female inmates. There are 108 male and 203 female inmates in the insane asylum. I had no time to go inside of this asylum. Twenty-one cows are milked, and still large quantities of butter and milk are bought. The unfortunates have the best of reading, as books, magazines, and papers are sent to them. The different wards are well lighted, and heated by steam pipes, of course. The little white beds are nicely made by each occupant, when able, both male and female. There are many aged ones who are ill; a few occupy wheel chairs, rocking chairs being provided for many, and a rag rug at each bed.

Mrs. Burnett, a very pleasant middle aged woman who led us through the wards, had a kind word for them all. I felt great sympathy for the sick ones, and thought how good it would seem to them to have friends call upon them often and bring them something. There are fifteen women and many men working here.

Many women make very handsome lace, and rag rugs. The lace is for sale. Of course the time would pass wearily if there was no work to do. Although there are many people here, they are very quiet and neat looking. The men have not ceased using tobacco, and spittoons, many in number, are scattered about the wards. One month the tobacco cost \$67.33.

Many of the mild insane work in the flower gardens. The fresh air does them more good than medicine. Somewhere I read that "Flowers are God's undertones of encouragement to the children of earth," and they must cheer these feeble minded people of insane asylums.

There is from \$4,000 to \$18,000 paid out each month in the county house. This expense is not for the insane. Three and one-half barrels of flour are used in one day's baking; 300 pounds beef steak, 300 pounds corn-beef, one day; 75 or 80 head of cabbage, 90 pounds beans, 55 gallons of tea and coffee, one meal; 35 pounds sugar for tea, coffee, oatmeal, and rice, of which 35

pounds are cooked every alternate morning. We saw men paring potatoes, of which it takes 8 bushel for a meal.

Mr. Gillespie is at present keeper, and Mrs. Gillespie, matron. We were served in their dining room to an elegant dinner.

An old classmate of ex-president Grover Cleveland is residing here. He wrote to the ex-president once and has his reply to the letter. Quite a difference in their lives financially.

When I hear of people giving their property away in their old age, I feel like quoting one of Dr. Franklin's adages, "Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other."

H. J. O.
When a man owns a blooded horse he is always careful of its health. He looks after its diet and is particular that the feeding shall be regular and right. While he is doing this it is likely as not that he is himself suffering from some disease or disorder. When the trouble gets so bad that he cannot work, he will begin to give himself the care he gave the horse at the start. Good, pure, rich, red blood is the best insurance against disease of any kind. Almost all diseases come from impure or impoverished blood. Keep the blood pure and strong and disease can find no foothold. That is the principle upon which Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery works. It cleanses, purifies and enriches the blood, puts and keeps the whole body in perfect order; makes appetite good, digestion strong, assimilation perfect. It brings ruddy, virile health. It builds up solid, wholesome flesh (not fat) when, from any cause, reduced below the healthy standard.

State Library.

The State Librarian, Lansing, requests all persons to send to the State Library, periodicals and illustrated newspapers for which they have no use. These magazines and papers will be sent out with the traveling libraries to the isolated portions of the state, which are largely debarred from the enjoyment of such literary. "St. Nicholas" and "Youth's Companion" are particularly desirable. Packages may be sent by freight or express.

M. C. SPENCER, State Librarian.

Suit the people, because they are tired of bitter doses, with the pain gripping that usually follow. Carter's Little Liver Pills. One pill a dose.

Harper's Magazine for January will contain the first installment of "Robert's Corner," a new novel by Henry Sten Merrill, author of "The Sowers," an article on "Stuttgart," Elsie J. Allen, profusely illustrated by Joseph Pennell; an account of one of the most savage of the Apache warriors, "Masai's Crooked Trail," by Frederic Remington, with illustrations by the author; and a paper on the achievements of "The New Northwest," by J. A. Wheelock, editor of the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

One of the most attractive and valuable publications of the season is the current Harper's Weekly, a sumptuous "double" Christmas Number, to be sold for twenty-five cents, containing contributions from such writers as Mary E. Wilkins, John Fox, Jr., John Kendrick Bangs, E. S. Martin, Carl Schurz, E. F. Benson, and Howard Pyle. The cover is ornamented with a beautiful design in colors by Maxfield Parrish, and illustrations are furnished by F. S. Church, Howard Pyle, W. T. Smedley, W. A. Rogers, Peter Newell, Frederic Remington, and E. P. Upljohn.

The numbers of Harper's Bazaar during December contain a discussion of "The Village Maid," her past, present, and future, by Mrs. John Sherwood; a description of the birthplace of the poet Burns, by Marion Harland; Christmas stories by Mary E. Wilkins and Gertrude Smith; "The Peak Sisters," a farce, by Ruth McEnery Stuart; an article on "Window-gardening in December," and suggestions with regard to novelties for Christmas gifts.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup seems sent as a special providence to little folks. Pleasant to take, perfectly harmless, absolutely sure to give instant relief in all cases of cold or lung trouble.

George A. Sellsbury of Menominee writes from Seattle, Wash., that he has returned from the Klondike with gold dust amounting to about \$35,000.

My husband had two cancers taken from his face, and another was coming on his lip. He took two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters and it disappeared. He is completely well." Mrs. Wm. Kirby, Akron, Erie Co., N. Y.

There are three "Just-So" stories by Rudyard Kipling, one of which, "How the Whale got his Tiny Throat," appears in the Christmas St. Nicholas. "How the Camel got his Hump" will appear in the January number, and "How the Rhinoceros got his Wrinkly Skin," will come in the February St. Nicholas.

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To all interested applicants, a sample box.
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This will prove to you that there is a CURE for all skin diseases. We guarantee it to cure Eczema in all forms and to be an absolute cure for all skin diseases. For sample, address KIRBY CHEMICAL CO., GRAND HAVEN, MICH., U. S. A.

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A New Year's Gift Heralded

The measureless popularity of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been the growth of more than a third of a century. As in the past, the coming new year will be ushered in by the appearance of a fresh Almanac, clearly setting forth the nature, uses and operation of this medicine of world wide fame. It is well worth perusal. Absolute accuracy in the astronomical calculations and calendar will, as before, be valuable characteristics, while the reading matter will include statistics, humor and general information, accompanied by admirable executed illustrations. The Almanac is issued from the publishing department of The Hostetter Comp'y at Pittsburg, Pa. and will be printed by their presses in English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish. All druggists and country dealers furnish it without cost.

Real Estate Transfers.

C. E. Stevens to H. Fisher, lot 7 and part lot 8, 5 and 6, blk 4, Colby's add, Morrice, \$1000.

H. Fisher to C. E. Stevens and wife, s½ sec 26, Bennington, \$2000.

A. J. Cook to A. B. Cook, 60 acres on s½ sec 1, Bennington, \$1600.

E. C. Wager to W. E. Cummin and wife lots 60-61-62-63 and 5½, lots 57-58-59 and s½ of lot 56, McArthur & Cummins add, Corunna, \$400.

W. Saver to W. Saver, Jr. 8 acres on n w ¼ sec 36, Rush, \$300.

E. Brown to J. Parsons, 2½ acres on sec 34, Caledonia, \$150.

C. McKone to M. J. McKone, s½ sec 1 and s½ sec 17, Hazelton, \$125.

B. C. Reed to A. G. Polhemus, s½ lots 6 and 7, blk 1, D. B. Holmes add, Durand, \$125.

P. Card to L. Bliss, 53½ acres on sec 4, Rush, \$930.

O. P. Everett to A. A. Spangler and wife s½ sec 21, Woodhull, \$1000.

R. S. Olcott to C. Davis, lot 9 blk 11, C. H. Calkins add, Perry, \$252.

M. A. Buckminster et al to A. Watts and wife, lot on sec 18, Owosso, \$950.

G. E. Reynolds to W. Pierpont, part s½ sec 23, Owosso, \$100.

E. Rose to O. F. Bentley, s½ sec 3, Perry \$1100.

F. H. Gould to A. L. Fowler and wife, lot on sec 19, Owosso, \$700.

F. J. Foland, Admr. to E. B. Ribby, s½ w½ sec 31, Perry, \$1200.

T. Stevens to E. Hasbrouke, s½ lots 10 and lot 11, bk 29, Corunna, \$1050.

A. L. Fowler to F. H. Gould, w½ lot 4, blk 3, A. L. W.'s add, Owosso, \$1400.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound of imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

E. J. CREWEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.

Mr. Charles A. Conant, who served as secretary for the Monetary Commission which recently closed its labors in Washington, contributes to the American Monthly Review of Reviews for January an able exposition of the various plans for currency reform now before the country.

Apoplexy.

Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is equally effective in apopleptic symptoms. If you have unpleasant dizziness, lightness or sudden rush of blood to the head, take precautions against a recurrence. This great remedy will remove the cause. The press of the land has daily a long list of sudden deaths which would not be chronicled if Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart were used.—Sold by L. M. Watson and Parkill & Son.—49.

It is said that Prof. Robert M. Wenley of the University of Michigan, who is on his way to Edinburgh, may not return to America.

Head Relief in 10 Minutes.

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder gives almost instant relief and permanently cures Catarrh, Hay Fever, Headache, Colds, Sore Throat, Tonsillitis, and Catarrhal Deafness. One short puff of the powder clears and cleanses the nasal passages. It is painless and delightful to use. Sold by L. M. Watson and Parkill & Son.—50.

Bay City's poor commission has no funds, and the poor people are suffering greatly during the prevailing cold snap.

When your stomach begins to trouble you it needs help. The help it needs, is to digest your food, and, until it gets it, you won't have any peace. Stomach trouble is very distressing, very obstinate, very dangerous. Many of the most dangerous diseases begin with simple indigestion. The reason is that indigestion (not digestion, not nourishment) weakens the system and allows disease germs to attack it. The antidote is Shaker Digestive Cordial, strengthening, nourishing, curative. It cures indigestion and restores strength and health. It does this by strengthening the stomach, by helping it to digest your food. It nourishes you. Shaker Digestive Cordial is made of pure herbs, plants and wine, is perfectly harmless and will certainly cure all genuine stomach trouble. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Probate Court.

Daniel W. Campbell was appointed administrator of the estate of Charles Tilton, deceased.

Final accounts were rendered in the estates of Elizabeth Burdett, deceased, and Wilhelmina Wildermuth deceased.

Guardian appointed over the person and estate of Mina Ahrens, a mentally incompetent person.

The last will and testament of Cyrus Lehman, deceased, was admitted to probate. J. H. Gormley and J. Allen, appraisers and commissioners.

License to sell real estate in the matter of the estate of John O. Hinkley, deceased, granted to the administrator, John A. Morrice.

A. A. Harper's final account as guardian of the estate of Lucy Cannon, a mentally incompetent person, allowed.

On the 11th day of January an application for the appointment of a guardian of Mattie Skinner, a minor, will be heard.

On Jan. 17th an administrator will be appointed of the estate of James A. Clark, deceased. Also the final account of the administrator of the estate of Christian Walter, deceased, will be heard.

On Jan. 24th, F. H. Morris will render his account as administrator of the estate of Henry U. Linzey, deceased. The petition that the court determine the heirs at law in the estate of James McCann, deceased, and application that the administratrix of the estate of Alonzo B. Sargeant deceased, be granted a license to sell real estate will be heard on the same day.

Richard F. Kay has asked the court to grant him a license to sell real estate at private sale in the estate of John L. Tyler, deceased, of which he is administrator. The matter will be heard on Jan. 25.

A Man's Prosperity

Depends largely on the health of his wife. She should maintain her health and promptly correct any weakness by using Zoa-Phora. Sold by all druggists.

The big brick chimney of the water works building at West Bay City has been razed by order of the council.

"How to Cure all Skin Diseases."

Simply apply "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT." No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for SWAYNE'S OINTMENT.

Common Council.

Common Council Room, Owosso, Mich., Dec. 27, 1897.

Regular meeting of Common Council, Mayor E. A. Gould presiding.

Aldermen present at roll call, Perrigo, Wiley, Zimmerman, Shaw, Jordan, Watson.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Following claims and accounts were presented and referred to the committee on claims and accounts.

From Contingent Fund—Owosso Fire Dept. \$31.00, Fred Edwards & Son, Owosso Press Pub Co 1.00, H. D. Edwards & Co. \$655.00, C. H. Balcum 1.00, Michigan Telephone Co., 5.00, same 4.50, same 4.50, A. Steggall, \$181.10.

From Highway Fund—C. M. Young 1.80, Wilber Vandoren 1.20, A. R. Shoup 4.63, T. Simington 1.20, Fulkerson 1.20.

From Water Works Fund—Fisher Governor Co., sec. Charles Jackson 46.50, C. A. Beebe 46.50, Bloomer 46.50, J. S. Hunt 7.50, C. H. Cossitt 75.00, Michigan Telephone Co., 4.60, same 4.60, same 5.00.

Committee on claims and accounts reported favorable on accounts as above presented, unanimous consent being given same was allowed; says 9, says 6.

Ald. Perrigo presented following report; it was moved and supported that the report be adopted, and the city clerk be instructed to draw an order in favor of A. Steggall for \$181.10, which was carried; says 9, says 6.

Owosso, Dec. 27, 1897.
To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council of Owosso:

Your committee to whom was referred the account of Mr. A. Steggall for rebuilding hose wagon, would report as follows: To pay Mr. Steggall \$171.10 as per contract; also \$10.00 for cutting down front wheels, making total amount \$181.10. Committee—Geo. Perrigo, T. M. Wiley, G. J. Shaw.

Ald. Wiley presented following report; it was moved and supported that the report be accepted and adopted; says 9, says 6.

Owosso, Mich., Dec. 27th, 1897.
To the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Owosso:

Gentlemen—Your committee on public buildings to whom was referred the matter of building for fire department for West. Owosso would have to submit the following report:

That we have received bids from seven contractors of the city for the erection of the building as follows: \$2345.00, \$2125.00, \$2000.00, \$1970.00, \$1845.00, \$1825.00, and this last amount being the bid of Mr. W. W. Hart and E. S. Ingersoll, we would recommend that a contract be made with these gentlemen for the erection and completion of the building for the sum of \$1825.00; and that they be required to give such bonds as this council may direct for the faithful performance of the work. T. M. Wiley, J. W. Jordan, G. J. Zimmerman, committee.

Ald. Dewey reported that Mr. Woodard did not desire to run for special election, and asked to have the matter dropped.

Mr. Woodard came before the council and stated that he wished to thank the city council for the interest that they had taken in his behalf, but that according to the outlook he thought it would be best to let this matter of giving him a bonus drop. While the money would come very acceptable, he did not care to have the matter go any further.

Ald. Watson presented following report, which was upon motion received and ordered placed on file.

To the Hon. Mayor and Common Council:—Your committee appointed to select a suitable site for market purposes, would respectfully report that we have selected as such site the Chas. Gabriel property on Comstock street, running from Comstock street to Jerome Avenue, at present owned by Otto Hein. Have received an option on same for four weeks for the sum of two thousand dollars. Hein reserving all the buildings, he to move the building off the grounds and to fill up all pits and holes from said buildings and leave the grounds in good shape. Signed, S. Z. Watson, G. F. Zimmerman, G. J. Shaw.

It was moved and supported that the committee on Finance be instructed to make an investigation of the matter of Mr. Co's receiving \$25 for services in settling claim against the city, which was carried; says Perrigo, Wiley, Dewey, Shaw, Jordan, Watson, Walsh; says, Copas, Zimmerman.

Upon motion council adjourned for two weeks, FRED EDWARDS, City Clerk.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1896.

Messrs. Ely Bros.:—I have used Ely's Cream Balm a number of years and find it works like a charm. It has cured me of the most obstinate case of cold in the head in less than 48 hours from the time I felt the cold coming on. I would not be without it.

Respectfully yours,
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Cass county may vote on local option in the spring.

Piles—Itching, Blind and Bleeding—Cured in three to six nights. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is peerless in curing. One application gives instant relief. It cures all itching and irritating skin diseases, Chafing, Eczema, etc. 25 cents.—Sold by L. M. Watson and Parkill & Son.—51.

Pill Price.

The days of 25 cents a box for pills are numbered. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at ten cents a box are surer, safer and pleasanter to take. Cure Constipation, Sick and Nervous Headaches, Dizziness, Lassitude, Lumbago, Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite and all troubles arising from liver disorder.—Sold by L. M. Watson and Parkill & Son.—25.

HAS A CORNER IN OATS,

Letter Prepared to Squeeze Speculators in an Unexpected Manner.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Friday, which will witness the close of the great Letter deal in wheat on the board of trade, bids fair to prove a memorable day in the trade. No great excitement is expected in the wheat pit, but in oats a squeeze of shorts may occur.

It is believed that Mr. Leiter has been turning a trick on the trade in oats while everybody was watching wheat. For weeks the oats pit has been practically deserted. Last week there was a disagreeable surprise to the men who had sold 6,000,000 bushels of oats for December delivery when they learned that no oats were being delivered. Then they awoke to the fact that in all the Chicago elevators the oats measured but 950,000 bushels of the contract grades. It was Wednesday when they made the discovery. The price of December oats was then 20¢ cents. A cent at advance in oats is as good as 4 or 5 cents in wheat. It is too late to rush in a supply to meet the calls which will be made for the grain at the close of business on Friday. Those who have not delivered the grain according to contract will be called upon to settle at the closing price. The situation has all the elements of a squeeze.

Relief in Six Hours.

Distressing kidney and bladder disease relieved in six hours by "New Great South American Kidney Cure." It is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in bladder, kidneys and back, in male or female. Relieves retention of water almost immediately. If you want quick relief and cure this is the remedy. Sold by Johnson & Henderson, druggists, Owosso, Mich.

Attacks the Mileage Ticket.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 23.—State Railroad Commissioner Wessellus says the new interchangeable mileage ticket is a violation of the state law. The law provides that 1,000-mile books shall be sold at \$20, good for any member of the family. The new books are sold at \$30, with \$10 rebate, and the rebate is lost if any other than the original owner uses it. This will be discussed in the commissioner's report, and the recommendation will be made that unless the railroads observe the law their charters be annulled.

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Suffered 20 Years.



MRS. MARY LEWIS, wife of a prominent farmer, and well known by all old residents near Belmont, N. Y., writes: "For twenty-seven years I had been a constant sufferer from nervous prostration, and paid large sums of money for doctors and advertised remedies without benefit. Three years ago my condition was alarming; the least noise would startle and unnerve me. I was unable to sleep, had a number of sinking spells and slowly grew worse. I began using Dr. Miles' Restorative Nerve and Nerve and Liver Pills. At first the medicine seemed to have no effect, but after taking a few bottles I began to notice a change; I rested better at night, my appetite began to improve and I rapidly grew better, until now I am as nearly restored to health as one of my age may expect. God bless Dr. Miles' Nerve."

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